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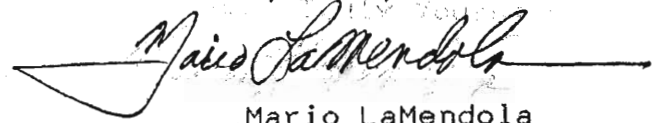
R.E. Houchin Construction

Dear Mr. Lesansky:

This letter is to appraise you of my knowledge of the Houchin Construction Company with whom I have been acquainted with in excess of ten years, originally having had contact with Mr. Gene Houchin and since have also worked with his son, Bob and the other principal in the firm, Mike O'Dean. Over the years our firm and Houchin Construction have been involved with numerous Design/Build projects. In my opinion their company has demonstrated excellent knowledge of construction and their workmanship has been of the highest standards of the industry.

On a personal note, I have found all the principals and employees of the Houchin Construction Company to always be most courteous and professional in their service to our office and clients with whom I have encountered.

Very Truly Yours:


Mario LaMendola